

MINUTES
Monroe County Green Building Code Task Force Advisory Board
Held March 30, 2009 at the E.O.C.

Members Present:

Gerry Albertson
Patti Childress
Steven Grasley
John Hammerstrom
Jeffrey Pinkus
Joel Reed
Jedde Regante
Edward Borysiewicz*
Donna Windle

Thomas Bray (excused)
Robert Drolet
♦TJ Patterson
♦Alex Tejada
David Tuttle
♦Tom Walker
Michael Welber (excused)
(♦*non-voting members*)

*replaced Rusty Stevens from Key Colony Beach



Staff:

Christine Limbert-Barrows sat in for Natileene Cassel, Asst. County Atty.
Joseph M. Paskalik, Sr. Director/Building Official
Richard Jones, Sr. Administrator Marine Resources
Linda Painter, Administrative Asst.

- I. Roll call – note: Glenn Stevenson has advised he is not able to continue as member and has resigned. It was noted messages were received asking to be excused from Thomas Bray and Michael Welber. There was a quorum present.
- II. Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Donna Windle, seconded by Gerry Albertson.
- III. Approval of minutes of meeting held December 3, 2008 was unanimously approved on a motion by John Hammerstrom, seconded by Donna.
- IV. Determination of scope and direction of task force
 - A. Joe Paskalik - <http://www.iccsafe.org/news/green/> - National Green Building Standard approved as it affects task force direction. Joe reviewed the recent passing of the National Green Building Standard (ICC-700) by the International Code Council as an American National Standard. The new standard provides guidance for safe and sustainable building practices for residential construction, including both new and renovated single-family to high-rise residential buildings and is the first and only green standard that is consistent and coordinated with the Code Council's family of I-Codes and standards.
 - B. John Hammerstrom - Building Code changing as a result of the Federal stimulus programs as it affects task force direction. John reported participating in a conference call hosted by the Sierra Club discussing the Federal Stimulus package as it related to Building Codes. He advised that the State of Florida was dealing with how to comply with the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code standards that must be met in order to receive a portion of the stimulus package. As a result, attempts by the Green Building Code Task Force to modify the Code are a waste of time until the stimulus package results are determined. He felt perhaps the task

force could concentrate for now more on education. Joel Reed commented that it appeared no matter what a local technical code change was not possible and proposed a resolution to the BOCC to change the scope of the task force.

Much discussion continued at this point regarding determination of options and what direction the committee wanted to head and focus. It was noted during discussion that help could be given by the County just by being an example in governing its own behavior. Sarasota was given as an example. It was noted that the task force could be of help to the County by recommending ways for the County to help itself. Joel reviewed a proposed resolution he had drafted. It was unanimously agreed to recommend changing the mission statement. In the proposed resolution, Joel agreed that wording regarding environmental building techniques and practices be removed so as not to be restrictive. After further discussion, it was moved by John and seconded by Donna to advise the County that in light of the effect of the stimulus package considerations the mandate of the task force had been displaced and the task force would be meeting to make a recommendation.

After further discussion the motion was withdrawn and it was moved by Joel, seconded by Donna and unanimously carried to submit the resolution drafted by Joel advising the BOCC that the current powers of the task force have been displaced based on the New National Green Building standards and thus are requesting power to address other "green issues" and make recommendations to the Board on how the County can operate in a more eco friendly way and rename the task force the "Green Initiatives Task Force. A motion by Donna to include the word "Building" failed for lack of a second. Christine agreed to try to get the resolution on the upcoming BOCC agenda. By unanimous vote on a motion by Jeffrey Pinkus and seconded by Joel it was agreed to permit changes made for legal sufficiency as long as the content did not change. *{Note: A copy of the wording of the final Resolution is included at the end of and made part of these minutes}.*

- V. Donna Windle – 10 minutes presentation by Mr. Rick Gregorik of Associated Home Inspectors for informational purposes. Donna advised that Mr. Gregorik was unable to attend.
- VI. General Discussion – members. Jedde Regante noted that there had been no participation or attendance by Robert Drolet and after the absenteeism policy was reviewed it was agreed that he was automatically removed from the task force. This leaves two openings to be filled for District 1.
- VII. Set next meeting – It was suggested that April 20 or 27, 2009 be scheduled as the next meeting time, depending on the passage of the proposed resolution.
- VIII. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PASSED RESOLUTION NO 121-2009 AS FOLLOWS:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY RENAMING THE GREEN BUILDING CODE TASK FORCE TO THE GREEN INITIATIVE TASK FORCE CHANGING THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE MADE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RATHER THAN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE TASK FORCE PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ON LOCAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS BUT ON GREEN STANDARDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN MONROE COUNTY TO IMPROVE LOCAL QUALITY OF LIFE AND CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS on April 16 2008 the Board of County Commissioners BOCC approved the creation of an advisory board by means of Resolution No 177 2008 to recommend green standards for building to be adopted as local technical amendments into the Florida Building Code and

WHEREAS the Green Building Task Force has had their first four 4 meetings to meet and discuss the goals and objectives as outlined by Resolution No 177 2008 and WHEREAS Resolution 177 2008 directs the Task Force to recommend local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code in order to enact environmentally sound building techniques and practices to protect the environment and

WHEREAS after four 4 meetings the Task Force has discovered that there have never been any local technical amendments ever adopted as green building regulations and

WHEREAS it is not feasible to make local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code to promote environmentally sound building techniques and practices and

WHEREAS green building programs are incentive based rather than regulatory based and

WHEREAS government should and needs to lead by example and

WHEREAS there are many organizations such as the ICC USGBC and others that are working to have the Florida Building Code updated to adopt environmentally sound building techniques and practices and

WHEREAS implementation should be a final step in adopting green building practices and therefore the task force must first collect and analyze data prior to making recommendations on implementation and

WHEREAS 83% of Florida's carbon footprint is created by building and

WHEREAS the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ARRA includes \$3.1 billion for energy assistance grants for states that adopt and administer the national model building energy codes and

WHEREAS after further research and discussion it was concluded that there are other methods to meeting the goal of green building rather than through local technical amendments

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY FLORIDA THAT:

1. The name of the Green Building Task Force shall be changed to the Green Initiative Task Force
2. The scope of authority shall be changed from recommendations of changes to

local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code to recommendations of environmentally sound practices and techniques to protect the environment

3. The recommendations of this task force shall be made to the Board of County Commissioners rather than to the Building Department

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County Florida at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 15th day of April 2009

Mayor George Neugent	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Murphy	Yes
Commissioner Heather Carruthers	Yes
Commissioner Mario Di Gennaro	Yes
Commissioner Kim Wigington	Yes